

Foxborough Commission on Disability

Minutes of May 18, 2022

Members Present:

Sue Collins, Jim Mullin, Charlie Hobbs, Dave Foscaldo, Bob Siteman, Margaret Chaisson, James Houlihan.

Absent: Sheri Barrett, Cindy Curran, and Scott Shippey

Brochure stickers:

Cindy was unable to attend but Sue will ask Cindy if the stickers have been printed for the brochures.

P.O. Boxes:

No word from Congressman Jake Auchincloss' office. Sue will contact his office at the end of the month.

Equipment Needed:

Sgt. Dave Foscaldo was asked if the Police or Fire Department needed anything when they encounter people with a disability. Dave said he would like 10 bags that we ordered before for the Fire Department. The bags are filled with different tactile devices that help distract and comfort people with Autism. Margaret made a motion to pay for 10 bags for people with Autism; seconded by Bob. Motion passed.

Assistive Listening Devices:

Sue spoke to Paul Beck. He stated that the Foxboro Cable Access has been researching Assistive Listening Devices for Town Hall and for Town Meetings at the High School. FCA are willing to pay for the devices.

Above and Beyond Award:

The FCOD will present the Above and Beyond Award in the fall. Sue suggested Paula Bouchard for the individual award. She has taken on the responsibility organizing baseball team for children with a wide range of abilities. Trader Joe's would be a good nominee for the business award. They have an employee that is disabled. If anyone has other suggestions, we'll discuss this after the summer is over.

Elections:

There were no new nominations for officers, and gratefully all officers agreed to stay in their positions.

Chair: Sue Collins; Vice-Chair: Margaret Chaisson; Treasurer: Jim Mullin; Secretary: Cindy Curran. All Commission members unanimously agreed. Thanks to the Officers that take on added responsibilities.

Recreation Department:

Sue met with Renee Tocci. A concrete company is going to pour a pad for 3 picnic tables (1 is accessible) at the Booth Playground. When he comes, she will ask for a bid to provide a path to the Gaga Pit. She also thought it might be best to buy mats that can be staked into the ground across the sand area. Sue told her that the Commission would be happy to pay for the mats and if there anything else that would make the playground more accessible.

Minutes:

Margaret made a motion to accept the April minutes, seconded by Jim. All approved. Motion passed.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn was made by Charlie, seconded by James H. All approved. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 @2 PM via Zoom Meeting

Respectfully submitted by Sue Collins.